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FROM : H. B. LONG

SUBJECT: Hannes Meyer (Ryser)
Security Matter - C
Bureau file 100-178944

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This Case Originated at **Mexico, D.F.**

File No. **5-2-16**

Report Made at Mexico, D.F.	Date when Made 3-9-45	Period for which Made 10-11 to 12-30-44; 2-1 to 3-5-45	Report Made By <i>Emerson Edwin Downing</i> SIS 364
Title HANNES MEYER (RYSER), with aliases, Hans Emil Meyer (Ryser), Hannes Meyer, Hans Meyer			Character of Case SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis of Facts:

Subject in frequent contact with the Russian Embassy, Mexico, D.F. since Oct., 1944. Also in contact with JOSE GARCIA (REYES), undercover Russian Agent and with ROSENDO GOMEZ (LORENZO), both of these individuals being principal subjects of the ALTO case, believed to be engaged in Russian intelligence activities. Still employed by Mexican Department of Labor and residence same. Subject's activities to be subsequently reported in the ALTO case.

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Reference:

Report of SIS 364, dated 9-30-44, Mexico, D.F.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Inasmuch as the subject in this case has been definitely connected with principal subjects of the ALTO case, this matter is being placed in a closed status and all subsequent activities of MEYER will be reported in the ALTO Case.

A sample of MEYER's handwriting which was submitted to the FBI Laboratory by letter 9-27-44 was not suitable for comparison to the un-identified handwriting existing in the ALTO Case, but no significant similarities were noted, according to the Laboratory analysis.

All logical leads appearing in this report will be set out in the next report in the ALTO case.

In view of the connection with the ALTO case, this report will not be distributed to outside agencies unless advised otherwise by the Bureau.

March 9th, 1945

HANNES MEYER (RYSER), with aliases,
Hans Emil Meyer (Ryser), Hannes Meyer,
Hans Meyer;
Mexico, D.F.

Sources C and D, of unknown reliability, made frequent reports to the effect that HANNES MEYER (RYSER) has been and is the leader of GPU in Mexico and the real, though not publicized, head of the various foreign branches of the Communist Party in Mexico. No substantiation of these allegations was obtained by investigation until Oct., 1944, when it was determined that the Subject began making frequent visits to the Russian Embassy of Mexico City.

Further substantiation was obtained through the discovery of the fact that he was in rather frequent contact with ROSENDO GOMEZ (LORENZO) and that at least on one occasion he contacted JOSE GARCIA (REYES), under suspicious circumstances.

GOMEZ (LORENZO) is the former Managing Editor of the Mexican Magazine "TIEMPO", who is presently employed as Assistant Director of the Magazine "TRICOLOR". He resides at Reforma 77, Apt. 904, Mexico, D.F.

GARCIA (REYES) is a Spanish National who has lived in Mexico since late 1943 and presently resides at Calle Baja California #373-8, Mexico, D.F. Both are reliably reported to be engaged in Russian Intelligence activity, in Mexico.

The investigation of MEYER indicates that he still works at the Mexico Department of Labor, making daily visits to their offices at Lopez #12 and at Ignacio Mariscal #155. It has also been determined that MEYER has a bank account at the Banco de Ahorros, located at the corner of Balderas and Independencia, Mexico, D.F. He continues to hold the position as Secretary of Expositions of the Instituto Cultural Mexicano-Ruso (Mexican-Russian Cultural Institute).

MEYER continues to reside at Calle Villalongin #46-8, Mexico, D.F.

The significant details of the subject's activities since Oct. 1944 are being set forth below in chronological order:

Oct. 11, 1944: He visited the Sindicato de Telefonistas, Villalongin #50, from 4:45 to 5:30 P.M.
On the same date he visited the Russian Embassy from 5:40 to 7:50 P.M. On all visits to the Embassy outlined below, except where

indicated, he entered the Embassy at the Benjamin Hill Entrance, which is that used by the public at large.

Oct. 12, 1944: He visited the Russian Embassy from 4:50 to 7:20 PM

10-25-44: He visited GOMEZ (LORENZO) at Artes 98-205 from 10:35 to 10:50 A.M.

10-30-44: He visited GOMEZ (LORENZO) at the same address from 11:30 to 11:40 A.M.

10-31-44: He contacted GOMEZ (LORENZO) and GARCIA (REYES) on Artes St. in front of #98 at 9:00 P.M. and conferred with them until 10:10 P.M.

11-9-44: He visited DONATO GUERRA #1, from 9:55 to 10:35 A.M. On the same date he visited Reforma 440-3, which is the apartment of IMRE KEPES from 7:45 to 10:20 P.M. On this date a car bearing 1944 Mexican plates A-70-57 was seen in front of Reforma 440. This license is registered to CEMENTOS de MEXICO, S.A., Prolongacion Calle Diez, San Pedro de los Pinos, D.F.

11-16-44: MEYER visited GOMEZ (LORENZO) at Artes 98 from 12:25 to 1:00 P.M. and again from 7:35 to 9:40 P.M.

11-17-44: He visited the Russian Embassy from 10:25 to 11:10 AM

11-18-44: He visited the Russian Embassy from 11:50 AM to 12:30 PM and on the same day he visited GOMEZ (LORENZO) at Artes 98 from 4:45 to 4:55 PM.

11-21-44: He visited DONATO GUERRA #1 from 10:10 to 10:15 AM. He also visited the Banco de Ahorros, Balderas and Independencia. He also visited Petroleos Mexicano from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

11-22-44: He visited the bookstore known as Editorial Poli located in the Pasaje Iturbide, Mexico, D.F.

11-30-44: He visited GOMEZ (LORENZO) at Artes 98 from 6:35 to 6:45 PM. On the same date he visited the Russian Embassy from 7:00 to 8:35 P.M.

12-15-44: MEYER visited Secondary School #4 known as Moises Saenz, located at the corner of San Cosme and Cipres.

12-18-44: He again visited the Secondary School mentioned above.

2-3-45: Visited the Russian Embassy from 11:15 A.M. to 2:30 PM.

2-5-45: He visited IMRE KEPES at Reforma 440-3 from 5:40 to 8:20 PM.

2-6-45: MEYER went to the Russian Embassy at 4:25 PM, carrying a brief case and two small wooden boxes. He apparently left the latter items at the Embassy.

2-7-45: He visited the Swiss Embassy, Londres 12, for five minutes in the morning. In the afternoon he picked up three wooden boxes at a carpenter shop located at Callejon Durango #6 and carried them to the Russian Embassy, arriving at 1:00 P.M. He stayed at the Embassy until 8:05 P.M.

2-9-45: MEYER visited the Russian Embassy at 4:55 P.M.

- 2-12-45: MEYER went to the Russian Embassy carrying a heavy box which he left there. On this occasion he entered the Embassy at the Tacubaya entrance, which is that generally used by employees and officials of the Embassy.
- 2-14-45: MEYER visited the Embassy at 11:10 A.M. and left at 11:20 A.M. at the employees' exit in an automobile apparently belonging to the Embassy. The number of the plates could not be identified however.
- 2-15-45: MEYER visited "El Arte Italiano", Madero 61, and later he visited ENRIQUE ~~YANEZ~~ ~~(de la Fuente)~~ at Calle Jose Emparan 35. Upon leaving the latter address he boarded an automobile bearing Mexican 1944 plates D-86-62, the registered owner of which has not as yet been determined.
- 2-16-45: MEYER again visited Calle Emparan #35 and later visited an apartment house located at Londres 209.
- 2-17-45: MEYER visited Arte Italiano, Madero 61, and later visited the same apartment house at Londres 209. He visited the Russian Embassy from 11:40 to 2:00 P.M. and again from 5:15 to 5:45 PM. From 5:55 to 6:15 PM, he visited Lerma 264.
- 2-24-45: MEYER visited "El Arte Italiano" for a period of ten minutes.
- 2-26-45: He attended a meeting held in memory of the late Russian Ambassador CONSTANTINE OUMANSKY, which was held at the Palacio de Bellas Artes under the sponsorship of the Instituto Cultural Mexicano-Ruso (Mexican-Russian Cultural Institute).

IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES

The sources of information mentioned in the report of SIS 364, dated 3-9-45, Mexico, D.F., entitled: HANNES MEYER (RYSER) WAS; SECURITY MATTER- C, are identified as follows:

Source: C: Report of SIS 7012, dated 1-25-44,
captioned HANNES MEYER

Source: D: ~~Confidential Informant~~

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Re: Hannes Meyer
(Communist Activities)

Place: Formerly in Germany

Subject presently resides in Mexico, D.F., where he is connected with the activities and leaders of the "Free Germany Movement," a Communist dominated organization which is being utilized to further the Communist movement in Latin America and to unify opinion favorable to the foreign policies of the Soviet Union with regard to Germany. Subject is reported to be engaged as an instructor in the Workers University of Mexico City and has maintained contact with the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. It is reported that subject is a Swiss architect and at one time participated in the "Cooperative European Movement" and was instrumental in establishing the "Freidorf," a cooperative colony located near Basel, Switzerland. It is reported that at one time subject was director of an architect school at Dessau, Germany, and has spent considerable time in Russia where he was a professor at the Soviet Academy of Architecture in Moscow. Subject may possibly be identical with an unknown individual who was referred to as "the architect" ~~referred to~~ in correspondence between Communist underground groups in the United States and Mexico.

Information Desired

Any information from official or other records concerning subject's background, his Communist or other activities of interest in Europe, together with any information available concerning any connection subject may have had with the ~~Communist~~ International.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

October 31, 1944

Director, FBI

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: HANNES MEYER (RYSER)
Security Matter - C

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Defensa Civil form containing the known typewriting of the above-captioned subject.

It is requested that the typewriting appearing on this form be compared with that of Letter #8 of the ALTO series and that this office be advised as to the results.

The enclosed form may be retained by the Technical Laboratory for future comparison with suspect Communist writings.

Very truly yours,

Birch D. O'Neal
BIRCH D. O'NEAL
Civil Attache

Enclosure

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cc-Technical Laboratory

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100-178944-13
 DATE: November 22, 1944

TO: Mr. Birch D. O'Neal
 The American Embassy
 Mexico, D. F.

FROM: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Hannes Meyer (Ryser)
 Security Matter - C

Reference is made to your letter of October 31, 1944, transmitting a Defensa Civil form containing the known typewriting of the above subject.

You are advised that the above form has never been received at the Bureau.

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 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
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ENCLOSURES
(For Record Section only)

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION W. D. G. S.
MILITARY ATTACHE REPORT MEXICO

Subject Hannes Emil MEYER--Member of Alemania Libre. I. C. No. 5940
(Brief descriptive title)

From M. A. Mexico City Report No. 4660-44 Date 26 September 1944

Source and degree of reliability:
Source B Information 2

SUMMARY.— Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance exactly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.

Subject, Hannes Emil MEYER, is a Swiss national of Swiss parents. His entry into Mexico on 18 November 1938 was sponsored by G. VAZQUEZ Vela, who was at that time Minister of Education in Mexico. Two of subject's sponsors are said to be very close friends of General Lázaro CARDENAS. Subject is employed as a construction engineer and also as a teacher at the Escuela Superior de Ingenieria y Agricultura. His total income is reported to be 700 pesos a month. He is reported to be very actively political as a 100% Communist.

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1. Name and aliases: Hannes Emil MEYER. He is not known to use any aliases.

2. Description: medium build; 5' 9 1/2 tall; grey hair; blue eyes.

3. Date and place of birth: 18 November 1889 in Switzerland.

4. Antecedents: Father, Emil MEYER; mother, Margaretha RYSER, both Swiss nationals.

5. Nationality and immigration status: Subject is a Swiss national who entered Mexico as a conditional immigrant on 18 November 1938 with Form 14 #120863. His entry into Mexico was requested by G. VAZQUEZ Vela, who at that time was Minister of Education in Mexico. Subject is trying to arrange his papers so that he may remain in Mexico and his application is being taken care of by Agustín LANUEZA, Executive Officer of the Department of Labor. Subject's sponsors are: Dr. Enrique MARRGUIN, former Sub-Secretary of Public Education; and Lic. Agustín LANUEZA, previously mentioned. MEYER's last application to remain in the country until June, 1944 was signed by Luis FERNANDEZ del Campo, Director of Works of the Department of Labor. Two other sponsors are Juan de Dios BATIS Paredes, Prado Norte #135, Lomas, Mexico, D. F., who is a very close friend of General Lázaro CARDENAS; and Enrique VANEZ de la Fuente, Professor at the Escuela Superior de Ingeniería y Agricultura, who is also a close friend of CARDENAS.

6. Place of residence: Subject has lived in Switzerland, and presently lives at Calzada Villalonguin #48, Apt. 8, Mexico, D. F.

7. Activities in country: Subject is a construction engineer, employed by the Department of Labor. He also teaches at the Escuela Superior de Ingeniería y Agricultura. His income from both jobs is reported to be 700 pesos a month. He is a member of the Enrique Meino Club and of Alemania Libre.

8. Political affiliation: Reported to be 100% Communist and very active.

9. Miscellaneous: Subject is married and has one child.

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CANTWELL C. BROWN,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
Asst. Military Attache:

A. R. HARRIS,
Brigadier General, A. U. S.,
Military Attache.

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From: M.A.Mexico Report No. 4660-44 26 Sept. 1944

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Report Made at Mexico, D. F.	Date when Made 9/30/44	Period for which Made 8/8/44 - 9/5/44 9/28/44	Report Made By SIS No. 364 820
Title "Changed" HANNES MEYER (RYSER), with aliases, Hans Emil Meyer (Ryser), Hannes Meyer, Hans Meyer			Character of Case SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis of Facts:

Investigation of subject, allegedly head of GPU in Mexico and active in Communist projects, reflects no information to support these allegations. Expelled from Alemania Libre in 1943. Employed Mexican Department of Labor and at office of Mexican Social Security. Still residing at Calle Villalongin #46-8. Handwriting specimen and photograph submitted.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The title has been changed to include the full name of the subject as reflected in the records of the Mexican Department of Gobernacion.

One or more copies of the photographs furnished the Bureau with this report are being retained in the Mexico files. One copy of the set of four photographs of subject's Form RNE-1 furnished to the Bureau for handwriting comparison is being retained in the Mexico file.

Reference: Report of SIS No. 7012 dated January 25, 1944 at Mexico, D. F.

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RE: HANNES MYER (RYSER), was
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ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU:

Photograph with negative of the subject.



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September 30, 1944

HANNES MEYER (RYSER), with aliases, Hans
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Meyer
Mexico, D. F.

Source A, of unknown reliability, reported that HANNES MEYER (RYSER) has been and is the leader of the G.P.U. in Mexico and the real though not publicized head of the Mexican, Spanish, and German branches of the Communist Party in Mexico. This same source reported subject as a member of Alemania Libre.

Source B, of unknown reliability, substantiated the above information and added that he continues to operate though undoubtedly known to Mexican officials of the Department of Gobernacion to be acting in such a capacity. This source states further that MEYER was the engineer of the assassination of LEON TROTSKY and that he formerly held a position in the Mexican Department of Education and had at his disposal unlimited funds from that department.

Source C, of known reliability, reports that MEYER was born in Basilea, Switzerland on November 18, 1889, the son of EMIL MEYER and MARGARETHA RYSER. He entered Mexico on June 1, 1939 at Veracruz, Veracruz on the invitation of the Mexican government. Upon entering Mexico he was granted immigration Form 5 on which he stated that he speaks German, his native language, and that he also speaks English, French, Russian, Italian, and Spanish. He stated further that he had no religion. He gave his occupation as that of architect and his civil status as married. He furnished the name, Professor FEDERICO BACH, Rosal #261, Colonia del Valle, Mexico, D. F., as a reference. His first address in Mexico was the Hotel Carlton and on August 28, 1939 he moved to Villalongin #46-8 where he has resided continuously to the present date. He gave his occupation in 1941 as head of the Instituto de Planificacion y Urbanismo (Institute of Planning and Landscaping), which is a division of the Mexican Department of Public Education.

On April 12, 1942 MEYER registered under the Foreigners Registration Act of Mexico under No. 10915. On this date he furnished the following additional information:

His employment at that time was with the Secretaria del Trabajo y Prevision Social (Department of Labor and Social Security), Lopez #12, Mexico, D. F. He stated that he was a member of the Enrique Heine Club and the Federacion de Residentes Antinazifascistas Extranjeros en Mexico (Federation of Foreign Anti-Nazifascist Residents in Mexico).

On this occasion he gave as character reference the following three individuals: LUIS FERNANDEZ DEL CAMPO, Director of Social Security of the Department of Labor; JUAN DE DIOS BATIZ PAREDES, manager of the Banco Nacional Hipotecario; and ENRIQUE YANEZ DE LA FUENTE, professor at the School of Engineering and Architecture of the National University of Mexico.

Source D, of known reliability, reports that MEYER was expelled from the organization Alemania Libre and consequently from its subsidiary the Enrique Heine Club, in late 1943 and that since that time he has associated with the group of Communists expelled from the Communist Party of Mexico at approximately the same time, headed by MIGUEL A. VELASCO, ENRIQUE RAMIREZ Y RAMIREZ, and CARNERO CHECA. He continues to be an acquaintance of the Communist members of Alemania Libre but not a friend, according to this same source.

This source further advises that in 1944 upon the creation of the Instituto de Intercambio Cultural Mexicano Ruso he was named the Secretary of Cultura Ruso (Secretary of Russian Culture) but that by action of the Board of Directors in September of the same year his position in the organization was changed to that of Secretary of Expositions.

Information received from Source E, of known reliability, reflects no unusual activity in the daily routine of the subject. This source reports that he daily visits the Department of Labor at Lopez #12 and the Social Security office located on Calle Ignacio Mariscal. Other contacts are ENRIQUE YANEZ DE LA FUENTE, Emparan #35, who is listed above as a character reference of the subject, and IMRE KEPES, a member of Hungria Libre, Reforma #440-3. He is also believed to be a friend of JOSE GUZMAN PENALOZA, Catarina #27, Villa Obregon, Mexico, D. F., and on at least one occasion visited an apartment house at Luis Moya #19, but it was impossible to determine whom he visited at that address. Subject has also been reported to have visited the Swiss Embassy and the Department of Gobernacion. On August 28, 1944 he bade farewell to a couple believed to have the last

name BEHAR at the Mexican railroad station.

Source E concludes that subject leads a quiet life, makes no contacts under suspicious circumstances, and apparently is not frequently in contact with individual known to be active in Communist espionage or propaganda activities..

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THE MEXICO CITY OFFICE

AT MEXICO, D. F.

Will report the results of the handwriting examination requested from the Technical Laboratory.

Will spot check subject's activities at a subsequent date to determine whether or not he is engaging in Communist activities.

ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU:

One photograph with negative of the subject taken from his Gobernacion documents.

IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES

The sources of information mentioned in the report of SIS No. 364 dated September 30, 1944 at Mexico, D. F., entitled, "HANNES MEYER (RYSER), with aliases", are identified as follows:

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

5-2-16

September 27, 1944

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Director, FBI

Re: HANNES MEYER (RYSER)
Security Matter - C

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is one set of four photographs with negative of the Gobernacion Form RNE-1 of the above captioned subject, containing his known handwriting, his thumbprints, signature, and photograph. The typeing on page four is not believed to have any significance in this matter.

It is requested that this handwriting be compared with that appearing on letter No. 8 of the ALTO series and with other unidentified Communist writings originating in Mexico.

It is further requested that this specimen be maintained by the Laboratory for future comparisons.

Very truly yours,

Birch D. O'Neal
Birch D. O'Neal
Civil Attache

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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October 16, 1944

To: Mexico City

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on September 30, 1944.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: HANNES MEYER (RYSER)
Security Matter - C.

FBI FILE NO. 100-178944-10
LAB. FILE NO. D-23472 BG
YOUR FILE NO. 5-1-1, 5-7-28

Examination requested by: Mexico City

Reference: Letter 9-27-44

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

H.L. Davis
H.L. DAVIS

Kcl One set of four photographs of the Gobernacion Form FNE-1, containing the known handwriting, thumbprints, signature and photograph of HANNES MEYER (RYSER).

ALSO SUBMITTED: Negative of K1.

Result of Examination:

The handwriting and signature of subject appearing on specimen Kcl was compared with letter #8 in the Alto series and other Communist writings originating in Mexico contained in cases of a similar nature but nothing of significance was noted which would suggest MEYER prepared any of this material. The writing on Kcl was not sufficiently comparable to the letters contained in the Alto series for an adequate comparison to be made.

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Mumford
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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

In accordance with your request, specimen Kcl is being retained in the files of the Laboratory for any future comparisons desired.

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

June 13, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: RUSSIAN COMMUNIST INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITIES IN LATIN-AMERICA
Mexico Espionage - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the memorandum for all
FBI Legal Attaches #70, Series 1944, dated April 12, 1944,
in which the Bureau requested that a review of the files of
this office be made for the purpose of compiling a list of
those individuals who have been reported as being engaged
in activities which give a basis for suspecting that they
may be engaged in NKVD activities.

Please be advised that the files of this office
have been reviewed and the information requested in reference
memorandum is furnished in the attached memoranda to the
Bureau.

Very truly yours,

BIRCH D. O'NEAL
Civil Attache

Attachments
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 28 1944
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO *Esp R*
6-12-44

del. 1-25-44

NAME: HANNES MEYER, alias Hans Meyer

ADDRESS: Calzada Villa Longin #46-8, Mexico, D. F.

ALLEGATION: This individual has been reported by sources believed reliable as being the head of the GPU in Mexico.

PHOTOGRAPH: None furnished to Bureau.

SPECIMENS: No typewriting, handprinting or handwriting specimens furnished to Bureau.

WATCH LIST: He is on the censorship watch list.

STATUS: Pending. Last report submitted by this office by SIS #7012 dated 1-25-44.

MAIN FILE: 5-2-16

REFERENCES: Numerous.

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ENCLOSURE

OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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RECORD No. SA-198702

Page 1 of 1 pages.

FROM: ~~H. MEYER~~
RLTA (SIGNATURE)
AV. DE LA PAZ 1228
GUADALAJARA, JALISCO

TO: MRS. T. TARNOPOL
47 E. 91ST ST.
NEW YORK, N.Y.
U.S.A.

LIST: NONE (SEE NOTE)

LIST: G 5729

Date of communication JAN. 15, 1944	Date of postmark JAN. 20, 1944	Kind of mail AIR	Mail No.	Register No. NONE	Serial No.
Language ENGLISH	Previously censored by NONE	Station distribution DR	DISPOSAL OF VISIT ORIGINAL COMMUNI- Mr. CATION, d H Mr. A d R Mr. Ca C Mr. Cunningham RS Mr. Fitch Mr. Little Mr. Strickland Sent with comment to Mr. Welch Feb 1944		
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COMMENT

RESIDENT OF MEXICO SEEKS NEWS OF RELATIVES IN ENEMY TERRITORY AND TURKEY

Salutation of letter reads, "Dear Auntie."

Writer states that she has not heard from Shoura and her husband, a fact which does not surprise her as no one receives letters since the Germans occupied all of France. She asks addressee to send any news of father and mother, regardless of what the truth might be. She asks if Annie is still where she was and if addressee's oldest son is still in Turkey.

Writer encloses carbon copy of a letter she wrote addressee on June 12, 1943 addressed to 47 E. 88 St., New York, N.Y. The letter states that writer received a letter from her sister Shoura in November a few days before the Germans took the unoccupied part of France. Shoura's husband faced internment in a concentration camp or enforced labor in a German ammunition factory. They escaped without permits across the border to Vichy in September, 1942, and wrote writer asking for help in obtaining a visa for entering Mexico. As the Germans took Vichy soon afterward, writer saw no point in making further inquiries about the visa. Shoura wrote that her mother had lost 27 kilos.

EXAMINER'S NOTE: There is a Hannes Meyer (G) (601), Mexico City who may be connected with writer.

Enclosures: 1 carbon copy of previous letter

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BYRON PRICE,
Director.

In reply please refer to file no. 5-2-16.

PLACE: <i>96</i> Mexico, D. F.	DATE: January 25, 1944.	REPORTED BY: <i>Judd A. Austin</i> S.I.S. 7012
TITLE: HANNES MEYER	CHARACTER: MEXICO SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES - C	

SYNOPSIS:

Subject, former Swiss architect, one-time participant in several European co-operative movements, former director of German architectural academy which was center of Communist activity, is presently in Mexico and instructing at Universidad Obrera, having spent considerable time in Russia. He was one of the original organizers of Liga Procultura Alemania and is now active in Communistic Alemania Libre. He is described as the leader of the GPU in Mexico as well as principle figure in directing Mexican, Spanish, and German branches of the Communist Party here.

COMMENTS:

*Letter to Beale,
ON 1 + 9-2
A RA - 2/15/44*

STATUS: *4/20/42* P E N D I N G

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 12-19-42 captioned "Comintern Agents and Leaders; Communist Activities in Mexico."
Bureau letter dated March 13, 1943.

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Approved <i>B. D. W.</i>		

Re: HANNES MEYER

Mexico, D. F.

There is set forth below a summary of information available in the above captioned matter:

Various sources describe HANNES MEYER as a Swiss architect who has gained some prominence as a professor and author. While the dates are unavailable denoting the periods during which MEYER was engaged in the pursuits mentioned, SOURCE A relates that he did at one time devote himself to the "cooperative European movement" and built the "Freidorf," first cooperative colony in Europe. As a matter of further background information, he was also founder of the theater "CO-OP" in Switzerland. This same source notes that at one time he was director of Bauhaus, Academy of Architecture and Plastic Art of Dessau, Germany, known to have been an important center of Communist activities in that country.

According to SOURCE B, subject spent considerable time in Russia where he was a professor of the Soviet Academy of architecture, Moscow, and where he was the designer of various cities and regions.

Upon his coming to Mexico, Meyer is said by this source to have been one of the original organizers of "Liga Pro-Cultura Alemania" in 1937, a group which characterized itself as anti-Hitler, and friend of Germany. The organization from the beginning was strongly tinged with Communist tendencies and eventually, upon becoming thoroughly penetrated by Communists, was supplanted by "ALEMANIA LIBRE," whose record with respect to Communism is well known. He is attributed as being a prominent figure in the latter organization and a chief source of its funds.

Although making a point of the fact that subject attempts to stay in the background, SOURCE B contends that there is little doubt Meyer is one of the chief functionaries of the Communist Party in Mexico and a principle figure in the Comintern here. This source further states that he is actually in charge of the German, Spanish, and Mexican Communist Parties, it being his responsibility to report on same to Moscow.

SOURCE C makes mention of an assault made on a meeting of Trotzkyites held on April 1, 1943, at Mexico, D. F., supposedly directed by the high command of the Communist Party, but made up mostly of the directors of "Free Germany" who were found in a cafe located next to the Avenida Hotel on San Juan de Letran listening to reports being received

as to the progress of the assault. The group included Andre Simone, Leo Zuckermann, Dr. Lazlo Radvansji, and subject Meyer.

In discussing instructors at the Universidad Obrera where subject is presently active, SOURCE D includes the name of MEYER and describes him as "without doubt, the supreme leader of the GPU" in Mexico. The catalog of the University mentioned, spends 4 and 1/2 pages in announcing this individual's lectures, mentioning his previous connections with Bauhaus.

According to SOURCE D, HANNES MEYER organized the plots against Trotzky which resulted in the killing of the latter's bodyguard and later of Trotzky himself.

The following fragmentary bits of information are recorded as further evidence of Meyer's connections, associates, and prominence in Communist affairs:

The May, 1942 issue of Freies Deutschland records attendance of Meyer at a meeting of the Heinrich Heine Club in Mexico, a Communist front organization of known quality. The periodical also makes complimentary comment on an article, the authorship of which was attributed to Meyer, entitled "The Standard Oil Monopoly Practices."

ALEMANIA LIBRE, dated May 1, 1943, reports the fact that pictures contained in the photographic album on the Red Army, issued by the Committee to Aid Russia at War were selected by HANNES MEYER.

SOURCE E notes the publishing of The Black Book of the Nazi Terror in Europe, by a group of individuals in Mexico affiliated with Alemania Libre, "many of which are known to be Communists." Meyer is listed as a member of the editorial committee and the selector of the illustrations used in the book.

Correspondence dated in the latter part of 1942 directed to Professor Hannes Meyer, Villa Login 46-8, Mexico, D. F., from V. Brazykin, First Secretary of the Embassy of Soviet Russia, Washington, D. C., acknowledges receipt of quantity of lithographs of Marshall S. Timoshenko apparently forwarded him by Meyer and continues to state that the official named above is glad to learn that their "Bulletin" has been a useful source of information to the U. S. S. R. BRAZYKIN further requested Meyer to send him any information available on "The Congress of Friends of the U. S. S. R."

A letter dated January 28, 1943 from Hannes Meyer to V. BRAZKIN, Russian Embassy, Washington, D. C., acknowledges receipt

of literature from the latter and discusses the opening of a Soviet exhibition in Mexico by the "Friends of the U. S. S. R.," also the opening of an Anti-Terror Exhibition under the sponsorship of MIGUEL ALEMAN, Minister of the Department of Gobernacion, Mexico. The writer is quoted, in addition, as having made mention of the fact that an 'American Friend' of the "Comite de Ayuda a Rusia en Guerra" had raised 27,000 pesos in one evening during a party at her house.

Information quoted from the correspondence noted above was made available by SOURCE F.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE MEXICO CITY OFFICE,

At Mexico, D. F.

Will follow and report on the activities of
HANNES MEYER.

IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES

The sources of information mentioned in the report of S.I.S. 7012, dated January 25, 1944 at Mexico, D. F., in the case entitled 'HANNES MEYER; MEXICO SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES - G, ' are listed below:

- SOURCE A is short index card synopsis prepared by S.I.S. #9; sources not credited.
- SOURCE B is survey of Communist Activities, Mexico File #5-2-61 (Serial #5); sources not credited.
- SOURCE C Uncaptioned memorandum from Mexico office to Mr. Raleigh A. Gibson, dated 5-24-43; source not credited.
- SOURCE D Bureau Informant FOIA b 7 - D
- SOURCE E Report of investigation conducted by S.I.S. 814 at Mexico, D. F., dated 5-27-43, report entitled 'The Black Book of Nazi Terror in Europe; Mexico Subversive Activities - FOIA b (7) - (D)
- SOURCE F Office of Censorship Submission Slips dated 2-6-43 and 12-42, the pertinent quotation from the latter being carried in referenced Bureau letter of December 19, 1942.

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In reply, please refer to
File #100-178941-7

To: Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Hannes Meyer - Mexico - Communist Activities

As of possible interest to you, there is enclosed herewith a memorandum setting out information received from a reliable, confidential source concerning the above-captioned Hannes Meyer, who is reported to be presently in Mexico where he has been identified with Communist activity and connected with the "Liga Pro-Cultura Alemania" and "Alemania Libre."

The enclosure contains information, as yet subject to further confirmation, to the effect that Meyer is "leader of the GPU" in Mexico and is a principal figure in directing Mexican, Spanish and German branches of the Communist Party in Mexico.

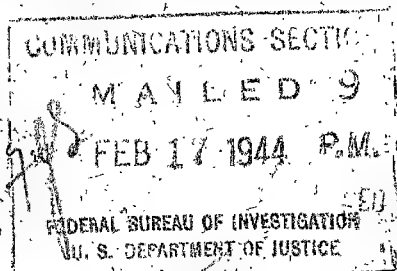
The information set out in the enclosure has been made available to the American Embassy at Mexico, D. F.

Enclosure

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

cc - Assistant Chief of Staff
G-2, War Department
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Colonel L. R. Forney



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To: TO: NLT BETHLY KAUFMANN MEYER CASINO TEN BASLE * VIA CABLES HSL	FROM: FROM: HANNES MEYER GJ4601 B. I. WETZ LST
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Director.

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FROM: THE DENVER PLANNING COMMISSION CARL FEISS (SIGNATORY) 461 CITY AND COUNTY BLDG. DENVER, COLORADO		TO: MR. HANES METER VILLALONGA IN 46-6 MEXICO CITY MEXICO, D.F.				
LIST: NONE		LIST: GJ 4601				
Date of communication DEN. 19, 1943	Date of postmark DEN. 19, 1943	Kind of mail AIRMAIL	Mail No.	Register No. NONE	Serial No.	
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COMMENT

DENVER PLANNING COMMISSION SENDS PUBLICATIONS TO INDIVIDUAL IN MEXICO (GJ 4601)

Writer thanks addressee for sending copy of April, 1943, issue of "Arquitectura" containing addressee's interesting study of planning in Mexico City.

Writer continues that he visited Mexico City a few years ago and had an opportunity of talking about some of its problems with Carlos Contreras (see note) who, in writer's opinion is doing excellent work.

EXAMINER'S NOTE: Addressee had charge of the illustrations for "The Black Book of Nazi Terror in Europe" published in Spanish by El Libro Libre (BJ 4600), and of illustrations in exhibitions, sponsored by the Friends of the U.S.S.R. and the Anti-Terror Committee of Mexico. Addressee has stated that he is very close to Spanish and Italian refugees, and is quite separated from the German groups in Mexico. Addressee worked in the Worker Housing Section of the Ministry of Labor in Mexico. (SA 160575) (SA 175819)

There is a Carlos Contreras. (SWI/88 (p) Eins 4600, 7605, 7020, 97).

Enclosures: (3)

- 1 publication titled Planetoid, dated July, 1943
- 1 publication titled Planetoid, dated April, 1943
- 1 publication titled Denver, dated Aug. 18, 1943

FROM:

No name or address on
cover, postmarked
San Francisco
Letter signed "Bob M"

TO:

MR. HANNES MEYER, ARCHITECT,
VILLALONGA 46-3
Mexico, D. F.

LIST: None

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Date of communication Jan. 3, 1944	Date of postmark Jan. 4, 1944 San Francisco 60	Kind of mail S	Mail No.	Register No. None	Serial No.
Language English	Previously censored by	Station distribution DR Jan. 6, 1944 CSF FBI DIO	SECURITY DIVISION DISPOSAL OF ORIGINAL COMMUNI- CATION Mr. M. C. CATION H Mr. A. C. C. C. R Mr. Carson C Mr. Cunningham RS Mr. Fitch Mr. Little Mr. Strickland Sent with comment to Mr. W. C. C. C.		
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COMMENT

PERSONAL LETTER TO ARCHITECT IN MEXICO CITY
FROM UNIDENTIFIED WRITER IN S. F.

The following personal letter, typewritten on a plain sheet of paper and signed merely "Bob M", bears no other mark as to the identity of the writer or his address. Addressing the letter "Dear Hannes and family", the writer says:

(Letter Quoted in Ex-11)

"We were pleased to receive your beautiful New Year Card. The photograph of Paracutin is very effective, and what a gigantic mountain it is getting to be! A year of change in more than one respect."

"We are all doing fine, and especially the baby who is now three months old. The baby keeps its mother very busy; she is no longer the 'professional' woman she was in Mexico. Unfortunately. But to be a mother--and a father, too--is an experience and is no less exciting just because it happens to more everybody."

"I am still in my defense job though I expect it to fold up any time now. This will not make me too unhappy, I have other irons in the fire as the say-
ing goes."

"I am scheduled to exhibit in San Francisco Museum of Art in April--
drawings and etchings for the most part. I will send you an announcement."

"A Happy New Year to you all."

ENCLOSURES: None

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Letter: COMI (No Surname) FROM: Envelope: KAHN 1305 E. 54th Pl. Chicago 15 Illinois None	TO: SR. HANNES MOYER Villalongin 46-8 (sic) Mexico, D.F. 01 4601
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Mr. Alden	CHICAGOAN CO-OPERATING WITH MEXICAN RESIDENT, IN SALE OF "MENDEZ ALBUMS" REQUESTS ADDITIONAL SUPPLY AND OFFERS TO SECURE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE "TALLER CLUB"
Mr. Carson	In a handwritten letter, with the salutation, "Dear Hannes" and signature Cony, writer states that she received a check "today" for the third and last "Mendez Album" but hesitates to send it until she knows for sure that addressee received the "other two - also the paper." She has been waiting to hear from him and would like to have him drop her a line right away.
Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Fitch	
Laboratory	Referring to the albums, she inquires how the "sales" are going as nothing about them has been heard. Perhaps he has none left but "Peg Gardiner" wrote the other day that she wanted one and writer believes she could quickly sell three more if he can send them.
Mr. Little	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Pennington	Writer continues (quote): INDEXED
Mr. Strickland	"We had our exhibition of oils at the Art Institute. Max is having a couple of one-man shows of lithographs - one here and one in Philadelphia next month."
Mr. Timm	
Mr. Welch	"We were very glad to hear that the taller has started up again. We can get a lot of subscribers to the club when we hear more about it."
	EXAMINER'S NOTES: 1. A previous communication reveals that on November 1, 1943 sender sent addressee an American Express money order for \$10.00 from La Esencia Mexicana (6514), (CH 20282)
	2. Further research reveals:
	a. There is a Max Kahn listed in the Chicago telephone directory with same address as sender
	b. There is a Mr. Max Kahn who is a well known lithographer in Chicago.
	c. Leopoldo Mendez is a contemporary Mexican artist
	d. Taller in Spanish has the following meanings: Studio Workshop Mill Factory Laboratory etc.

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FROM: DR. HERBERT LENNHOF
AVENIDA MARTI 235 DEP. 116
MEXICO, D.F. MEXICOTO: MR. H. DUCNAER
BOX 251
ROUTE 1
VIENNA, VIRGINIA

LIST: NONE

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GERMAN IN MEXICO CRITICIZES WORK OF POSSIBLE COMMUNIST COMMITTEES IN MEXICO CITY
EXPRESSES HIS STAND REGARDING USSR

I. German in Mexico Criticizes Work of Possible Communist Committees in Mexico City.

In letter addressed to Hermann and Kathe, writer states he should have answered addressee's letter of Jan. 23 sooner but was deterred by Michael's operation.

Writer states it was not easy to gain a foothold in Mexico, and most of them cannot attain any kind of European standard. Writer states they had no friends or acquaintances in Mexico in the beginning and (quoting translation), "the Committees here work as every where and in no way according to our idea".

Writer states he spoke to Hermes Meyer only once, and that during writer's first week in Mexico, at which time writer was not acquainted with Meyer's importance in the G.P.U. Writer states Meyer told him (quoting translation), "Had I known who you were, you would not have gotten into the country." Writer states he answered Meyer in a public meeting (quoting translation), "If the Party were infallible, I would not be here." Writer states it cannot be denied that the Committee wields a certain influence among the Jewish emigrants, not the Spanish, and that only by renouncing every kind of Socialistic propaganda and by exploiting the successes of the Red army, which contrary to addresser's opinion, writer states, is fighting not on account of the in spite of its government.

II. German In Mexico Expresses His Stand Regarding USSR

Writer states (quoting translation), "I can formulate our stand in regard to USSR as follows (quoting translation): 1) We shall make, as with all peoples, a distinction between people and government, and not forget for a moment that the USSR comprises a Dictatorship, with concentration camps and every thing pertaining thereto. 2) We favor the shipment of the greatest amount possible of best weapons

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FROM: DR. HERBERT LENNHOF AVENIDA MARTI 235 DEP. 116 MEXICO, D.F. MEXICO		TO: MR. H. DUCKER BOX 251 ROUTE 1 VIENNA, VIRGINIA	
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to the USSR; we are in favor of the European Red Cross extending its activities to USSR territory, but we are absolutely against, for instance, money being collected in Mexico to send an Ambulance, for that is just a dirty maneuver of the Comintern. In regard to the military situation we are neither blind nor the victims of a relatively dangerous Neostalinism. Stalingrad is a great victory, but so, in no less a degree, is Lybia. Both show that Hitler's military might is waning, but do not show that the end is here. We remember that the Czarist army also offered mighty resistance for three years, and the weaker imperial (Examiner: German) army held out for a long time in a two front war. We know there is more to eat in Germany than in the USSR and that there is less general dissatisfaction in Berlin than in Moscow. We are glad that formation of new cadres has been possible in the Red army, and that Hitler finds it difficult to bring those that have fallen to full strength. But we are also of the opinion that the war will not be decided solely in a military manner. Without the European revolution, which also means, without German revolution, Hitler will not be forced to abdicate. Preliminary conditions for this revolution are blows against the Hitler military machine. When the Russian governmental chief and the Allied statesmen are forced to abandon the political conduct of the war due to their respective government systems, there still remains for us the setting of a socialistic goal. Of course, not in an abstract or a classical sense. There is no doubt that there is a general crisis in regard to Socialism as a theory and as a movement. But there is also no doubt that mass movements are on the point of developing, and that further work on the socialistic theory will be continued. Without any more ado, it will be clear to you, that neither the Third nor the so-called Fourth International will be able to intervene in any manner in future decisive events. In the fourth year of the war the following is certain: Hitler cannot win the war. There can be no return to monopolistic capitalism. Civil war, rather than class war, will probably be the logical continuation of the World War, which cannot be ended like the preceding one."

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DR. HERBERT LENNHOF
AVENIDA MARTI 235 DEP. 116
MEXICO, D.F. MEXICO

TO:

MR. H. DUCKER
BOX 251
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Writer states he will forward further material on the above subject to addressee, and calls addressee's attention to a book written by an Austrian Socialist and entitled "Underground Europe Calling", which has come out in London.

Writer would like to know if addressee can, without being prejudiced, read books written by old friends, and states "The Seventh Cross" is out spoken trash. Writer suggests that addressee have some of his American friends tell him how it got to be a "best seller". Writer inquires (quoting translation), "Who voted in the committee? Perhaps friends, new ones, of Mr. Davies concerning whose "Fact Reports" you are probably better informed."

Writer states that in Mexico, too, there is no daily in which the Communists do not have a participant. There are about 1800 members in Mexico, the Trotskyists having about 22 in the entire country. Writer cautions addressee (quoting translation), "with a state machine or a little money you can conjure up the loveliest Potemkin villages; do not be misled, remain more than ever critical, even though you have very few traveling companions."

Writer states he is working in a biological institute, conducting researches, and also that he hopes to bring his psychiatric and psychological studies to a successful conclusion during the year. Writer states he is very intimate with Frankel and with that Comrade whom addressee met in Agen behind writer's back, in order that Otto might not know about it. Writer states that he will soon send addressee an article on "Socialism and Psychology" Writer adds that his wife Martha was just 29, that he will be 35 and their son Michael will be 4 on June 1st.

EXAMINER'S NOTE: It is probable that addressee's name should read Dunker, H.

Prof. Hannes Meyer, Villa Dongin 46-8, Mexico, D.F. is reported as taking part in various affairs connected with U.S.S.R. activities in Mexico City. Meyer illustrated sheets for two traveling exhibitions one for Friends of the U.S.S.R. and the other for the Anti-Terror Committee.

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One Dr. F. Fraenkel is reported as having engaged in immigration activities.

In a letter from Marceau Pivert to Bert Wolfe, dated April 7, 1942, Pivert stated that he questioned Marceland, President of the A.D.I. (International Democratic Association) i.e. some vague organization serving as a cloak for Stalinists and learned that Otto Katz was the directing head of the G.P.U., but his responsibilities consisted mainly of directing questions of Propaganda rather than handling detective work. Pivert stated also that the real G.P.U. chief over Katz seemed to be a German architect named Meyer "in whose house L.D.'s (Examiner: L.D. Trotsky) death was plotted."

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HANNES MEYER, PROF
VILLALONGIN 46/8
MEXICO, D. F.

TO:

MR. V. BAZYKIN
FIRST SECRETARY OF THE EMBASSY
OF THE U. S. S. R.
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ANTI-NAZI MATERIAL AND BOOK BEING PUBLISHED IN MEXICO-PRO-RUSSIANS
ORGANIZE EXHIBITS AND RAISE MONEY IN MEXICO

I. Anti-Nazi Material and Book Being Published in Mexico

Writer states that he received the 3 leaflets "FRONT-ILLUSTRIERTE", and advises that one copy will be published in the next issue of LA REPUBLICA, another copy in the next issue of the Spanish edition of ALEMANIA LIBRE, and the third, the Guerrilla number, is included in the Russian part of the ANTI-TERROR-BOOK (EL LIBRO NEGRO CONTRA EL TERROR NAZI EN EUROPA).

Writer encloses the first proof of the prospectus of the ANTI-TERROR-BOOK. This book, published in Mexico is to be placed on sale by Editorial El Libro Libre (BJ 4600) in Feb. 1943. Checks and money orders are to be sent to Lic. Antonio Castro Leal (BJ 4600). The book deals with "the nursery, affliction, and heroism of invaded Europe, "the Nazis in South America, the Third Reich, the Hitler conspiracy in the U. S. etc. It is sponsored by the Presidents of Peru, Mexico, and Czechoslovakia, and the collaborators are listed as follows:

Thomas Mann, Genevieve Tabouis (GF 4601, 5322), Anna Seghers (Y900), Michael Scholochow, Pierre Van Paassen, Jose Wittlin, Antonio Castro Leal (BJ 4600), Andre Simone, Vicente Lombardo Toledano (B635, 111, 547), Sava Kosandvitch, Henri De Kerillis (GF 4601), Antonio Velaz, Paul Merker, Francisco Frola (BAF 4600), Dr. Karel Wendl, Principe Huberto De Loewenstein (GF 4601), Antonio Mije (GK 3392), Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld (GF 4601), Miguel Karolyi (GF 4601), Heinrich Mann, Ludwig Renn (BJF 4600), Egon Erwin Kisch (BJ 4600), Alexis Tolstoi (GF 4601), Bruno Frank (Y 6641), Lion Feuchtwanger, Alexander Abusch, Bodo Uhse (6900), Ernst Bloch (G 3689), Pablo Neruda, Teodor Balk (Y 900), Simone Tery, Otto Boerner, Ferdinand Bruckner, Bruno Frei, Rudi Fuert, Walter Janka, Erich Jungmann, Dr. Leo Katz, Inre Kepes, Annette Kolb, Lydia Lambert, Dr. Leo Lambert, Dr. Paul Mayer (7001), Albert Norden (Y 900), Mario Montagnana, Lenka Reinerova, Juan Rejano, Max Schroeder, Jeanne and Kurt Stern (G 900), Aladar, Tamas, Thomas Uhl, F. C. Weiskopf, and Dr. L. Weiss. Hannes Meyer was responsible for artistic make-up and selection of illustrations.

II. Pro-Russians Organize Exhibits and Raise Money in Mexico

Writer states that the "Friends Of USSR" have informed him that their Soviet exhibition will be opened on Feb. 8 in the new rooms Bolivar 57,

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Mexico, D. F. Later they will send it to other Mexican cities.

The "ANTI-TERROR-EXHIBITION" may be opened during the first week of February in the building of "EL NACIONAL" (Y 514, 258) and will be sponsored by Aleman (Y 6773), Ministro De Gobernacion.

An American friend of the Comite De Ayuda A Rusia En Guerra recently raised 27000 pesos in one evening during a party at her house. Writer states that they lent her some VOKS-posters.

The Comite De Ayuda A Rusia En Guerra has decided to organize a big exhibition in the Petroleos Mexicanos (Y 3229, 5283) building which will be opened in March, 1943. Writer and Constanca De La Mora will elaborate the artistical layout for this exhibition and change it entirely.

EXAMINER'S NOTE: Writer has previously told addressee about plans for the Anti-Terror-Exhibition.

Some advance notices about "El Libro Negro Sobre El Terror Nazi" have already been used in advertising it; and the material contained in this book and the collaborators have been discussed by Otto Katz (BJ 4600).

Miguel Aleman, Ministro De Gobernacion is reported as Pro-Nazi.

Bruno Frank is a German Jew and an active Communist.

One Paul Mayer of Zurich, Switzerland (7001) is reported as being an intermediary for communications to or from enemy territory.

Constancia De La Mora is a Spanish Refugee writer in Mexico actively engaged in the Russian War Relief Society.

Lic. Antonio Castro Leal is manager of "Alemania Libre", Spanish publication by an organization of the same name.

Writer is a Swiss architect.

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR POUCH

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Re: Hannes Meyer
Mexico Subversive Activities - C

Dear Sir:

For your information, there are enclosed herewith two photostatic copies of an intercept submission in connection with a letter dated January 28, 1943 from Hannes Meyer in Mexico, D. F. to Mr. V. Bazykin, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy, Washington, D. C.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the intercepted communication indicates that the subject is engaged in a great deal of pro-Russian and Communistic activity.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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HANNES MEYER.
VILLALONGIN 46-8,
MEXICO D.F.

18th July, 1942.

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FRENCH.

Letter concerns Swiss internal politics (Left Wing Socialist) and Germany's desire for peace.

Writer is the leader of the Swiss Left Wing Socialists and editor of the two suspended publications mentioned below. Addressee is a German Left Wing Socialist architect in Mexico.

Writer states:

"In SWITZERLAND public opinion is awakening slowly, but all the same it is awakening. The persecution of the extreme Left by the Federal Political Police has been criticized in the official Socialist press and even in numerous papers of the Radical Left, e.g. 'NATIONAL-ZEITUNG'. That is why the government organ, 'DER BUND', publishes articles from time to time to show that the Communist danger still exists. Forty-six Swiss intellectuals have written an open letter to the FEDERAL COUNCIL, expressing the uneasiness of one section of the Swiss people with regard to the vetoes, trials and violations of constitutional rights affecting the working-class of French-speaking Switzerland (in particular VAUD and GENEVA). This letter caused a great stir. Several papers spoke approvingly of it. Others, like the 'NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG', criticized it....."

"Meanwhile, our party (FEDERATION SOCIALISTE SUISSE PARTI SOCIALISTE GENEVOIS ET VAUDOIS) is still banned, as also our papers, 'LE TRAVAIL' and 'LE DROIT DU PEUPLE'. The printing press we set up in place of the one which refused to print our papers on the instructions of the official Swiss Socialist Party, has been confiscated. The working-class of VAUD and GENEVA is thus without any legal possibility of social defence. It remains however faithful to its ideal and is awaiting the moment when, freed, it will be able to resume its advance....."

"What we hear every day from GERMANY indicates a great lassitude (there) which the BERLIN correspondents of Swiss newspapers no longer take the trouble to conceal. There is talk /

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FROM: EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALISTIC REPUBLICS V. XERAZIKIN, FIRST SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO: PROF. HANNES MEYER VILLALONGIN 45-8 MEXICO, D. F.

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Writer acknowledges the receipt of 100 lithographs of Marshal S. Timoshenko. Writer states he is glad to learn that their bulletin has been a useful source of information on the U. S. S. R. and that if he has more material of the same kind he will send it. Writer requests addressee to send him any information that he has on the Congress Of The Friends Of The U. S. S. R.

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of peace and the BERLIN emissaries are working on the neutrals to get them to create an atmosphere favourable to the cessation of hostilities and a white peace. I do not think these attempts will come to anything. It is not desirable that they should, for this white peace would be an armed peace, while we want a real peace and the cessation of the abominable armaments race which leads to a new warlike catastrophe in every generation, and even several times in a generation."

"... the morale of the working-class in Switzerland is good, except for some chiefs like GRIMM, OPRECHT and others, who can see their collaborationist hopes disappearing."

Writer encloses an article from "DER BUND", 15th June, 1942. The original of this article - "Mexico and the Refugee Problem" by G.P.R. (Guenther P. Reinhardt) - was intercepted in Bermuda and subsequently released in May, 1942 (v.BER. 21496/42, Photostat B.7385).

Passages marked by present sender emphasize the danger to MEXICO of the influx of Communist refugees and names of certain well-known anti-Nazi writers at present in MEXICO are given (v. page 4 of above photostat). The architect referred to on this page is presumably addressee (v.BER.7372/42).

In a marginal note to this article present sender states:

"Passages marked have been radiographed to the Service universel de presse (Supress) in MOSCOW".

NOTE: BER.11870/42) concern the activities of the Left Wing Socialists in Switzerland,
BER.21313/42) LEON NICOLE and his political and journalistic activities (including
BER.7372/42) his connection with SUPRESS) and HANNES MEYER.

BER.30150/42 refers to the Book Club run by some members of the Free German Movement in Mexico - i.e. presumably "Das Freie Buch", which aims at publishing the best suppressed works of living German writers in the German language (anti-Nazi). Publications advertised by this concern recently included books by A. SECHERS, LUDWIG RENN and EGON-ERWIN KISCH. These three writers' names appear in the article referred to above. They also contribute to "Freies Deutschland" (organ of the "Free Germany Movement" in Mexico). ANDRE SIMONE and HANNES MEYER also write for it.

VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, who is described in the above article as "Completely under the spell of Moscow", is the President of the CONFEDERACION TRABAJADORES AMERICA LATINA (Confederation of Latin American Workers) and director of the monthly paper: "AMERICA LATINA" (The September, 1941, issue of this paper was anti-Nazi, pro-Russia; it supported, on behalf of the workers, the Atlantic Charter; it was anti-Sinarchist and in favour of the establishment of democratic governments in South America and demanded that Mexico should re-establish relations with England and the U.S.S.R.)

I.M.D. A.C.
25th August, 1942.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Office of Naval Intelligence
Washington

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29-April, 1940

MEMORANDUM for Mr. Tamm:

Referring to Department of State confidential memorandum of April 25th, the following information appearing in our files is forwarded as being of possible interest:

One Mathias Ludwig Eugen DIECKMANN, a German Druggist, 27 years old, arrived in San Francisco from Japan aboard the SS KAMA KURA MARU 9 February, 1940 in transit to Brazil. He stopped in San Francisco at the CLIFT HOTEL.

One Hans MEYER was reported under date of 26 January, 1937 as being a Nazi storm troop leader in New York City.

A Dr. Hans MEYER, metallurgist, visited the Falk Corporation plant in September, 1938 as a representative of the George Fisher Company. He was travelling with a Mr. Alex HOMBERGER, engineer. Both of these gentlemen appeared unfamiliar with new developments in steel production.

One Hannes (Hans) MEYER was reported in January, 1940 as being a member of the Communist Party in Mexico. He is a German Jew, an engineer, is reported to be a personal friend of Stalin working under orders of *KAGANOVITCH, who was sent from Mexico on pretext of the Technical Panification (?) Commission. He is reputed to be Chief of the O.G.P.U. in Mexico.

It is not known whether any of the above-mentioned persons is identical with the one mentioned in subject confidential memorandum.

E. B. Nixon,
Captain, U. S. Navy

Mr. E. A. Tamm
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

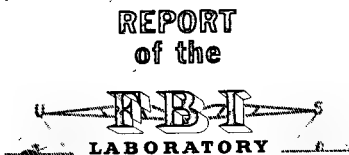
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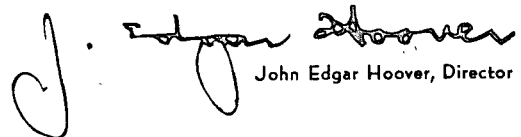
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October 16, 1944

To: Mexico City

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on September 30, 1944.


John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: HANNES MEYER (RYSER)
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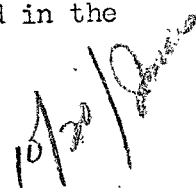
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Result of Examination:

The handwriting and signature of subject appearing on specimen Kcl was compared with letter #8 in the Alto series and other Communist writings originating in Mexico contained in cases of a similar nature but nothing of significance was noted which would suggest MEYER prepared any of this material. The writing on Kcl was not sufficiently comparable to the letters contained in the Alto series for an adequate comparison to be made.

In accordance with your request, specimen Kcl is being retained in the files of the Laboratory for any future comparisons desired.

2 - Mexico City
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September 27, 1944

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Director, FBI

Re: HANNES MEYER (RYSER)
Security Matter - C

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is one set of four photographs with negative of the Gobernacion Form RNE-1 of the above captioned subject, containing his known handwriting, his thumbprints, signature, and photograph. The typeing on page four is not believed to have any significance in this matter.

It is requested that this handwriting be compared with that appearing on letter No. 8 of the ALTO series and with other unidentified Communist writings originating in Mexico.

It is further requested that this specimen be maintained by the Laboratory for future comparisons.

Very truly yours,

Birch D. O'Neal
Civil Attache

Attachment

cc - Technical Laboratory ✓
- Mexico File 5-1-1
- Mexico File 5-7-28

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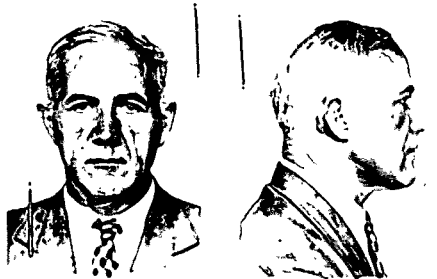
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 NUMERO DE ENTRADA DE LA SOLICITUD 10915

C. SECRETARIO DE GOBERNACION.
 REGISTRO NACIONAL DE EXTRANJEROS.
 MEXICO, D. F.

En cumplimiento del Decreto del Congreso de la Unión de 18 de diciembre de 1941, el suscrito solicita se le inscriba en el Registro Nacional de Extranjeros, para lo cual, bajo protesta de decir verdad, proporciona los datos que se requieren para el efecto, acompañando el recibo del derecho de inscripción y un ejemplar de las formas RNE-2, RNE-3 y RNE-4.

I. - IDENTIFICACION PERSONAL DEL INTERESADO

1. Nombre y apellidos Hannes Meyer Ryser
 (Nombre y apellidos completos)
 2. Pais donde nació Suiza
 (España, Francia, Noruega, etc., etc.)
 3. Nacionalidad actual Suiza
 (Español, inglés, cubano, etc., etc.)
 4. Fecha en que nació 18 de noviembre de 1889
 (Día, mes y año)
 5. Edad actual 52 años
 (Años cumplidos)
 6. Sexo masculino 10. Color del pelo gris
 (Masculino, femenino) (Negro, castaño, rubio, etc.)
 7. Estatura 174 11. Color de los ojos azules
 (En centímetros) (Negros, café, azules, verdes, etc.)
 8. Complexión media 12. Nariz media
 (Gruesa, delgada, media) (Ancha, delgada, media)
 9. Color de la piel blanca 13. Mentón regular
 (Blanca, morena, etc.) (Saliente, partido, etc.)
 14. Señas particulares proporcionadas por el interesado para su mejor identificación ningunas
basado con Suiza
 15. Nombre y apellido de sus padres Emil Meyer y Margaretha Ryser
 Social Club Enrique Heine
 (Denominación)
 (Dirección)
 Mutualista
 (Denominación)
 (Dirección)
 16. Asociaciones o sociedades a las cuales pertenece.
 Económica
 (Denominación)
 (Dirección)
 Política Federación de Residentes Anti-
Extremistas
Nazi-Fascistas en México (F.R.A.F.M.)
 (Dirección)



NOMBRE, APELLIDOS Y FIRMA DEL EXTRANJERO:

HANNES MEYER

HUELLAS DIGITALES

(IZQUIERDA)

(DERECHA)



II. - LUGAR EN DONDE HABITA Y REFERENCIAS

17. Ubicación de la casa que está habitando: a) Calle y número, Calle Villalongin 46, Dpto. 8.
 b) Localidad México, D.F. c) Municipio o Delegación
 (Ciudad, villa, pueblo, etc.)
 d) Entidad Federativa

18. Nombre, apellidos y firma de tres personas honorables, de solvencia moral y económica, preferentemente de nacionalidad mexicana, que puedan proporcionar informes de la conducta del interesado y a la vez que certifiquen que son exactos los datos asentados en el cuestionario.

- a) Luis Fernández del Campo Luis F. del Campo
 (Nombre y apellido paterno y materno) (Firma)
 b) Enrique Yáñez de la Fuente Enrique Yáñez de la Fuente
 (Nombre y apellido paterno y materno) (Firma)
 c) Enrique Yáñez de la Fuente Enrique Yáñez de la Fuente
 (Nombre y apellido paterno y materno) (Firma)

19. Ubicación de la casa que habita cada una de las tres personas en cuestión:

- a) Baja California 118 México, D.F.
 (Calle y número) (Ciudad, Villa, Pueblo, etc.) (Municipio o Delegación) (Entidad Federativa)
 b) Estado Norte 135 México, D.F. San de Chabulitlan
 (Calle y número) (Ciudad, Villa, Pueblo, etc.) (Municipio o Delegación) (Entidad Federativa)
 c) Guaymas 35 México, D.F.
 (Calle y número) (Ciudad, Villa, Pueblo, etc.) (Municipio o Delegación) (Entidad Federativa)

20. Ocupación que tiene cada una de esas tres personas:

- a) Director de Previsión Social de la Secretaría del Trabajo.
 b) Gerente del Banco Nacional Hipotecario.

Propietario de la Escuela Superior de Ingeniería y Arquitectura

21. Ubicación del lugar donde trabaja cada una de dichas personas:

- a) Loma 12 México, D.F.
 (Calle y número) (Ciudad, Villa, Pueblo, etc.) (Municipio o Delegación) (Entidad Federativa)
 b) Maduro 32 México, D.F.
 (Calle y número) (Ciudad, Villa, Pueblo, etc.) (Municipio o Delegación) (Entidad Federativa)
 c) San Juan D.F.
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(Nombre y apellido paterno y materno) (Firma)
 c) Enrique Yáñez de la Fuente Enrique Yáñez de la Fuente
(Nombre y apellido paterno y materno) (Firma)

19. Ubicación de la casa que habita cada una de las tres personas en cuestión:

a) Baja California 108 México, D.F.
(Calle y número) (Ciudad, Villa, Pueblo, etc.) (Municipio o Delegación) (Entidad Federativa)
 b) "Calle Norte" 105 México D.F. San Mateo de Chabulitlan
(Calle y número) (Ciudad, Villa, Pueblo, etc.) (Municipio o Delegación) (Entidad Federativa)
 c) Guaymas #35 México D.F.
(Calle y número) (Ciudad, Villa, Pueblo, etc.) (Municipio o Delegación) (Entidad Federativa)

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CONSTANCIA CONSULAR DE LA NACIONALIDAD DEL INTERESADO

El suscrito, Erwin JOST V. Cónsul de -SUIZA-
(Nombre y apellido paterno y materno)

hace constar que el señor Hans Emil MEYER Ryser ----
(Nombre y apellido paterno y materno)

es de nacionalidad -SUIZA- y tiene su casa habitación en
(Española, Francesa, etc.)

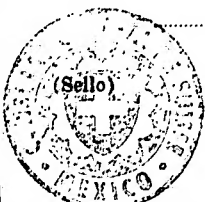
Calzada M. Villalongin # 46, Depto. 8 México, D.F.
(Calle y número, Localidad, Municipio o Delegación, Entidad Federativa)

México, D.F. a 8 de abril de 1942
(Localidad, Municipio o Delegación, Entidad)

CONSULAT GENERAL DE SUISSE
 Le Vice-Consul

Firma

Gérant a. l.



NOTA: Si al interesado no le es posible obtener la constancia anterior expondrá en seguida los motivos de tal imposibilidad.
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CONSTANCIA DE SU IDENTIFICACION PERSONAL

El suscrito, Miguel I. Ordoñez por el Director General de Población,
(Nombre y apellido paterno y materno) (Presidente Municipal, Delegado o Jefe de Oficina)

hace constar que los retratos, huellas digitales y firma que obran en la presente solicitud-cuestionario, corresponden a la persona que manifiesta llamarse Hannes Meyer Ryser y que tiene su casa habitación en Villalongin #46-2
(Nombre y apellido paterno y materno) (Calle y número, Localidad, Municipio o Delegación, Entidad)

México, D.F. a 13 de abril de 1942
(Localidad, Municipio, o Delegación, Entidad)

(Sello)

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Firma

NOTA: La constancia anterior se extenderá por la autoridad municipal de la localidad donde se encuentra ubicada la casa que habita el interesado.

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*Hannes Meyer
Hannes Meyer*

Luis In del Campo

*Jose Rata
George Jansen*

Luis Fernandez del Campo

*Baja California Mexico D F
Pablo Nasti. Mexico D F. Lomas de Chapultepec.*

*Am. Lab. report.
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H. L. Davis*

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